

**PhD Positions Faculty of Law Maastricht University 2021
Call for Proposals**

Introduction

In 2021 the Maastricht University Faculty of Law provides funding for four paid fulltime PhD positions. This call provides information on the application procedure.

Who can apply?

- Graduates with a relevant Master degree and excellent grades. Motivated and determined researchers possessing first-rate analytical and writing skills. Final-year (master) students are (likewise) encouraged to apply if they have proven research skills.
- Candidates who have already started their PhD research, but are not employed as resident PhD researchers.

The candidate submits the application, including a letter of commitment by a professor or associate professor of the Maastricht University Faculty of Law who will act as the envisaged promotor.

Conditions for submitting an application

When submitting a proposal the following conditions apply:

- each candidate will contact, preferably in an early stage, a professor or associate professor of the Faculty of Law who will act as the promotor of the proposed PhD research; he or she will formally endorse his or her commitment as a supervisor to the proposed research by means of a formal letter and will ensure that at least one co-promotor from inside or outside our Faculty will join the team of supervisors;
- each professor or associate professor of the Faculty of Law may commit to only one application either as promotor or co-promotor;
- an application can be submitted only twice; applications that are re-submissions of previously submitted proposals (which were unsuccessful), must entail substantial revisions of the original proposal taking account of reviewers' comments and further advances within the relevant field of expertise. The Faculty may reject re-submissions that do not include substantial revisions.

What can be applied for?

A four years fulltime paid PhD position (gross salary €2,395- € 3,061). An application for a shorter period can also be submitted. PhD researchers participate in the Maastricht University Graduate School of Law. They will prepare a PhD thesis in English or Dutch. At least 80% of the position will be dedicated to research and not more than 20% to teaching activities. Each year an evaluation takes place.

The terms of employment of Maastricht University are set out in the Collective Labour Agreement of Dutch Universities (CAO). Furthermore, local UM provisions also apply. For more information look at the website <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/working-um-0>

When can applications be submitted?

The closing date for the submission is **Monday 15 March 2021**, 23.59 hours.

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Preparing an application

An application consists of:

- a fully elaborated proposal drafted in English or Dutch (according to the language in which the dissertation will be written), using the application form;
- a detailed CV, including – if applicable – relevant publications;
- academic transcript of bachelor's and master's degrees and list of grades;
- if the dissertation will be written in English, proof of the English language level (being a native speaker, having completed a university degree in the English language or having passed a IELTS or TOEFL test; a IELTS score of 6.5 with no less than 6.5 in writing or an internet-based TOEFL score of 90 with no less than 23 in writing is sufficient);
- a motivation letter;
- a letter of commitment by the envisaged promotor, including, if applicable, a substantiated indication of the number of years required;
- contact details of two references;
- the master thesis or, if applicable, another substantial piece of English or Dutch writing.

Submitting an application

An application can only be submitted by email to Pzfdrvacatures@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Assessment criteria

Applications are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- originality of the proposal and potential contribution to knowledge;
- research design and methods set out in the proposal and the link between setup and methods;
- quality of the PhD candidate;
- track record of the envisaged team of supervisors;
- feasibility (both in terms of research setup and budget);
- match between the proposal and the Faculty's research programme.

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee appointed for that purpose by the Faculty Board.

Time schedule

15 March 2021, 23.59	Closing date submission of applications
Early April 2021	Applicants are informed whether they are invited for an interview
End of April 2021	Interviews
Early May 2021	Final decision by the Faculty Board

Further information

For further information, please contact Patrick van Eijs, policy adviser for research (tel. 0031-43-3882027, email: patrick.vaneijs@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

Enclosed: Application Form PhD Positions Faculty of Law Maastricht University 2021